

Express Mail Label No. EL975550111US

PATENTS  
4448/P2/CPS/IBSS/LAP



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Ronald Vern Schauer and John Charles Davies  
Serial No. : 10/099,900  
Filed : March 14, 2002  
For : FACILITIES CONNECTION BUCKET FOR PRE-FACILITATION OF WAFER FABRICATION EQUIPMENT  
Group Art Unit : 3632

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

JAN 12 2004

GROUP 3600

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,  
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the  
following references:

U.S. Patent No. 4,852,516, Rubin et al.

U.S. Patent No. 5,733,024, Slocum et al.

U.S. Patent No. 6,133,981, Semba

Foreign Art Reference No. EP 1 107 288 A2 (EPO)

United States Patent Publication No.: US 2002/0084402

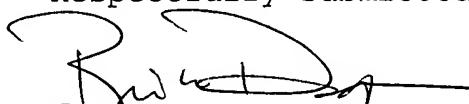
A1, dated July 4, 2002.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

These references are also listed on the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449) and copies are enclosed.

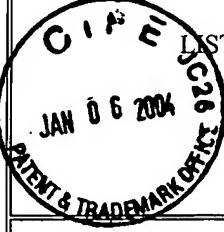
Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brian M. Dugan, Esq.  
Registration No. 41,720  
Dugan & Dugan, PC  
Attorneys for Applicants  
(914) 332-9081

Dated: 1/6/04  
Tarrytown, New York

U.S. Department of Commerce, Patent and Trademark Office					Docket No.:		Serial No.:		
 <b>LIST OF RELEVANT ART CITED BY APPLICANT</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)					4448/P2/CPS/IBSS/LAP		10/099,900		
					Applicant(s):		Ronald Vern Schauer and John Charles Davies		
					Filing Date:		Group: 03/14/02 3632		
<b>U.S. Patent Documents</b>									
*Examiner Initial		Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate		
	AA	4,852,516	08/01/89	Rubin et al.					
	AB	5,733,024	03/31/98	Slocum et al.					
	AC	6,133,981	10/17/00	Semba					
	AD						<i>RECEIVED</i>		
	AE						<i>JAN 18 2004</i>		
	AF						<i>GROUP 3000</i>		
	AG								
	AH								
	AI								
	AJ								
	AK								
<b>Foreign Patent Documents</b>								Translation	
		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Yes	No	
	AL	EP 1 107 288 A2	06/13/03	EPO			X		
	AM						X		
	AN								
	AO								
	AP								
<b>OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</b>									
	AR	United States Patent Publication No.: US 2002/0084402 A1, dated July 4, 2002.							
	AS								
	AT								
Examiner			Date Considered						
<b>*EXAMINER:</b> Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with your communication to applicant.									



VALERIE G. DUGAN  
BRIAN M. DUGAN, PH.D.

**DUGAN & DUGAN, PC**  
PATENTS, TRADEMARKS & COPYRIGHTS  
18 JOHN STREET  
TARRYTOWN, NY 10591

(914)332-9081 TELEPHONE  
(914)332-9082 FACSIMILE  
DUGANEMAIL@DUGANPATENT.COM

December 30, 2003

**ATTORNEY/CLIENT  
PRIVILEGED & CONFIDENTIAL**

**via PRIORITY MAIL**

Gaile Bailey  
Patent Department  
Applied Materials, Inc.  
P.O. Box 450A  
Santa Clara, CA 95052

**RECEIVED**

JAN 12 2004

**GROUP 3600**

Re: Applied Materials Docket No.: 4448/P2/CPS/IBSS/LAP  
FACILITIES CONNECTION BUCKET FOR PRE-FACILITATION  
OF WAFER FABRICATION EQUIPMENT  
Inventor(s): Ronald Vern Schauer and John Charles  
Davies  
Attorney Docket No.: 3317/267

Dear Gaile:

Enclosed for your files are copies of correspondence I recently filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in reference to the above identified matter.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Brian M. Dugan

Enclosures